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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, SA, KU

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL OF PM OFFICER

FOR AMBASSADORS FROM PM DIRECTOR GELB

1. IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S INCREASING ROLE IN OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND OUR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY, I WOULD LIKE DOUGLAS KEENE OF MY STAFF TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. MR. KEENE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN AN ON THE GROUND FEEL FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS AS NEW POLICIES ARE FORMULATED.

2. FOR JIDDA: SPECIFICALLY I WOULD LIKE KEENE TO VISIT TABUK AND THE AMMUNITION FACILITIES AT AL KHARJ, TO OBSERVE FIRST HAND THE DEGREE OF SAUDI PARTICIPATION IN AIR-CRAFT PROGRAM TO OBTAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE SNEP, AND THE IN COUNTRY PLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COE  
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CONSTRUCTION PROGAMS. I WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUPPORT OF THIS VISIT IN FACILITATING APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGING IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU HAVE ARE, OF COURSE, WELCOME.

3. KEENE WOULD ARRIVE IN JIDDA AT 0630 A.M. ON APRIL 1 VIA AZ 758 FROM ROME AND PLANS TO DEPART FOR

KUWAIT FROM DHARAN VIA SV 826 ON APRIL 9. REQUEST EMBASSY  
MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

4. FOR KUWAIT: KEENE WILL UNFORTUNATELY HAVE MUCH LESS  
TIME AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT FOR DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO OUR  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IN KUWAIT HE IS SPECIFICALLY  
INTERESTED IN THE I HAWK AND A-4 PROGRAMS AS WELL MORE  
GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF OTHER PROGRAMS. SV 826 ARRIVES AT  
1150 A.M. ON APRIL 9 AND KEENE WILL DEPART ON APRIL 11 ON  
OA 346 AT 0845 A.M. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS.

5. I HAVE DISCUSSED KEENE TRIP WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ATHERTON, WHO CONCURS.  
CHRISTOPHER

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